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General

Does the DEQ publish a book that explains all of its regulatory programs?

The DEQ publishes a variety of fact sheets, case studies, and brochures on many environmental programs. The most comprehensive document the department produces is the "Michigan Manufacturers' Guide to Environmental, Health, and Safety Regulation." It is a joint publication of the Michigan Departments of Environmental Quality and Labor and Economic Growth and is updated on a biannual basis. Manufacturers, suppliers, consultants, and regulators can all benefit from this guidebook, which steers the reader through all of the state and federal environmental, health, and safety regulatory programs. Also included in the guidebook is a discussion of construction and local fire codes.

The guidebook is subdivided into three main sections: environmental regulations, Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Act (MIOSHA) health and safety standards, and construction and local fire codes. Each chapter within each section targets a specific regulatory program. The guidebook includes a "Self-Assessment Survey" which is a tool you can use to identify the regulations applicable to your business. Based upon the answers you provide to a series of questions, you will be directed to the portions of the guidebook relevant to your business.

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